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1. SUMMARY. WEEKEND AND MONDAY PRAVDA CARRY NEWS OF INCON-  
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CLUSIVE END OF 9-DAY ECPC PREPARATORY SESSION IN EAST BERLIN

AND DEPARTURE OF PONOMAREV AND KATUSHEV FOR CC SECRETARIES' MEETING IN WARSAW, TOGETHER WITH TWO ATTACKS ON ANTI-SOVIETISM. WELL-CONNECTED LA STAMPA MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT TELLS US CONFERENCE DOCUMENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY AGREED, BUT YUGOSLAVS DO NOT WISH TO SIGN, AND NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, WITH HOPE OF JUNE CONFERENCE. WARSAW MEETING MAY DEAL WITH IDEOLOGY AND CSCE IN ADDITION TO ECPC, AND ANTI-SOCIETISM PIECES MAY BE SIMPLY FURTHER SALVOES IN SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST WESTERN FORCES OF DETENTE (AND USSR), DESIGNED TO FIRM UP RANKS IN THE RULING PARTIES MOSCOW ALREADY CONTROLS. BUT IF THERE ARE STILL MAJOR ISSUES OUTSTANDING IN ECPC PREPARATIONS, INSISTENCE ON CPSU LEADING ROLE IN ANTI-SOVIETISM ARTICLES WILL PROBABLY NOT SMOOTH THE PATH TO CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. PRAVDA JAN 24 REPORTS CONCLUSION OF 9-DAY WORKING GROUP SESSION IN EAST BERLIN PREVIOUS DAY, "IN CONSTRUCTIVE COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE" BUT WITHOUT RESULT. PRAVDA JAN 26 REPORTS DEPARTURE FOR (AND ARRIVAL IN) WARSAW "FOR REGULAR MEETING OF SECRETARIES" OF CPSU INCLUDING PONOMAREV, KATUSHEV AND CC PROPAGANDA DEPT DEPUTY DIRECTOR G.L. SMIRNOV.

3. SAME PRAVDA WHICH REPORTS END OF BERLIN SESSION CARRIES LONG COMMENTARY ON ANTI-SOVIETISM BY "PRAVDA POLITICAL OBSERVER" VITALIY KORIONOV. THEME IS THAT ANTI-SOVIETISM DESIGNED TO SPLIT "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES AND WORKERS' MOVEMENT HAS BECOME ONE OF REACTION'S MAIN WEAPONS IN STRUGGLE AGAINST "SOCIALISM" POST-CSCE, AND THAT "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM"--DEFINED AS SUPPORT FOR USSR--IS DUTY OF COMMUNISTS AND PROGRESSIVES NOW MORE THAN EVER. KEY SENTENCE OF ARTICLE IS MERELY DEFENSIVE STATEMENT THAT "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM IS BY NO MEANS 'A HISTORICAL REMNANT'; NO, THE VERY OPPOSITE IS THE WAY THINGS ARE." PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH CONCLUDES THAT "IT IS PRECISELY IN THIS DIRECTION (UNITY OF ACTION OF 'SOCIALIST' COUNTRIES AND COMMUNIST PARTIES), IN THE SPIRIT OF COMRADELY COMMUNIST COOPERATION AND CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON AN EQUAL-RIGHTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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DEMOCRATIC BASIS, THAT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST AND WORKERS' PARTIES ARE CONTINUING." AND NEXT DAY'S PRAVDA (JAN 25) FRONT-PAGES ACCOUNT OF AN OBLIGING ARTICLE FROM WARSAW TRYBUNA LUDU WHOSE RICHEST PASSAGE IS STATEMENT THAT STRUGGLE AGAINST ANTI-SOVIETISM "AND FULL UNDERSTANDING FOR LEADING ROLE OF SOVIET UNION AND ITS COMMUNIST PARTY AMONG ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES" IS "DUTY OF EVERY

COMMUNIST PARTY AND ALL PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS OF THE  
WORLD."

4. LA STAMPA MOSCOW CORESPONDENT PAOLO GARIMBERTI,  
WHO HAS EXCELLENT ITALIAN COMMUNIST SOURCES, TOLD  
POLITICAL COUNSELOR JANUARY 25, LARGELY BASED ON  
TELEPHONE CALL BACK TO ROME, THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING  
WAS THAT EAST BERLIN SESSION HAD REACHED BASIC AGREE-  
MENT ON CONFERENCE DOCUMENT EXCEPT FOR PARAGRAPH  
CONCERNING DISARMAMENT. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID,  
YUGOSLAVS DO NOT WISH TO SIGN DOCUMENT, AND EXPECTATION  
WAS FOR ANOTHER MEETING IN BERLIN IN MARCH TO ATTEMPT  
TO OVERCOME FINAL OBSTACLES. IF SUCCESSFUL, IT WOULD  
ANNOUNCE CONFERENCE FOR JUNE. GARIMBERTI THOUGHT  
THAT IT HAD BEEN SANTIAGO CARRILLO WHO CALLED  
PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM "A HISTORICAL RELIC," AND  
THAT KORINOV ARTICLE WAS PROBABLY DIRECTED AT HIM.

5. COMMENT. EXCEPT FOR NEXT MARCH MEETING, GARIMBERTI'S  
INFORMATION IS SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH EMBASSY  
BERLIN'S, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIT THE PIECES INTO  
A COHERENT PICTURE SO SOON AFTER MEETING. CC  
SECRETARIS' MEETING IN WARSAW MAY WELL DEAL WITH  
IDEOLOGY AND CSCE IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATION AS WELL  
AS ECPC MATTERS, AND KORINOV PIECE AND REPLAY OF  
TRYBUNA LUDU COULD BE NO MORE THAN LATEST FILLIP IN  
SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST WESTERN ENEMIES OF DETENTE  
(AND USSR) WHICH AS BEEN ROLLING, WHATEVER ITS  
UPS AND DOWNS, SINCE NOVEMBER. IF OUTSTANDING SUB-  
STANTIVE ISSUES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED IN ECPC, HOWEVER,  
AND ESPECIALLY IF INCLUSION OF "ANTI-ANTI-SOVIETISM"  
IN DOCUMENT IS AN ISSUE, THEN KORINOV'S PIECE IS  
UNLIKELY TO SMOOTH THE PATH TO A CONFERENCE. AS  
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ALWAYS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFO AND INSIGHTS  
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